# HAMMERS Hazardous Materials Reporting System User Guide

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This illustrated guide is meant as an overview of the HAzardous Materials Management Emergency Reporting System (HAMMERS) process from start through finish; it is not meant to explain all aspects of the HAMMERS program. Instead, it is meant to help explain the general requirements from user account creation to chemical inventory submittal. If specific help is needed, please contact us at 719-385-5978.

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#### **HAMMERS Login**

HAMMERS can be accessed at <a href="https://hammers.coloradosprings.gov/">https://hammers.coloradosprings.gov/</a>, and the user will be directed to the home page (Figure 1). A user can either sign in with an existing account or create a new account.

NOTE: A company may already have an existing account in HAMMERS if it has stored hazardous materials in an existing facility — only one account per company may be active at once. Please use the green links at the bottom of the page (Figure 1 green box) if you have forgotten your account information.

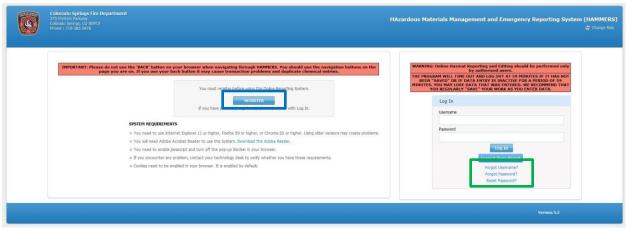


Figure 1: HAMMERS Home Page

#### **User Account Creation**

If the user does not have an existing account, click "Register Now" (Figure 1 blue box) on the log in page to create one, and then fill in the fields on the new user registration page (Figure 2). Please note that all fields marked with a red asterisk are required. Once registered, the system administrator will review and approve the new account and an email will be sent to the email provided with the registration. A new account may be denied if a company inadvertently creates a duplicate account.

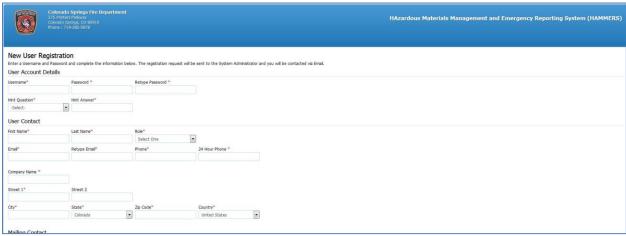


Figure 2: New User Registration

# **Welcome Page**

Once a user has created an account and logged in, the HAMMERS welcome screen will display (Figure 3). This first page has plenty of useful reference materials and helpful information; please read through the useful references provided, then click <u>"Continue"</u> (red box in Figure 3).

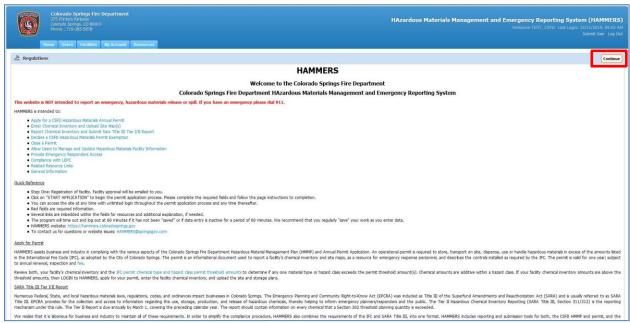


Figure 3: Welcome Page

### **Facility List**

The "<u>Start Application</u>" will direct a user to the Facility List page (Figure 4). This page shows all facilities associated with the logged in account. If you have an existing facility within HAMMERS, but it does not appear, please ensure that you are using the same account that the facility was created under. If you are a new user and have not added a facility into the HAMMERS system, please click "Add a New Facility" (Figure 4 red box). To modify chemical inventories, click on the individual facility name (Figure 4 green box). You can also modify your <u>profile and subaccounts</u> (Figure 4 orange box) from this page by selecting the respective menu.

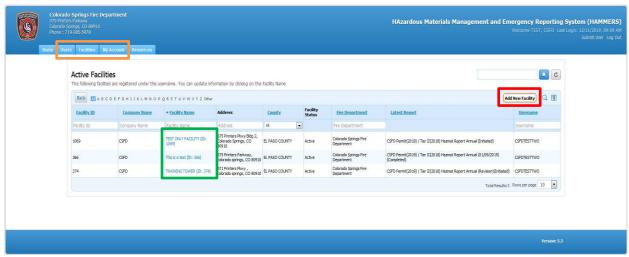


Figure 4: Facility List

### **Add New Facility - Enter Facility Details**

From the "Add a New Facility" link (see Figure 4), Figure 5 details the new facility information entry pages. There are two pages, one for location information, one for contact information. From here, facility location and contact/ownership will be provided. ALL fields with a red asterisk are required for submission. Make sure to click the "save" button when finished. Once this page is completed, it will take you to the second page to enter facility ownership and contact information.

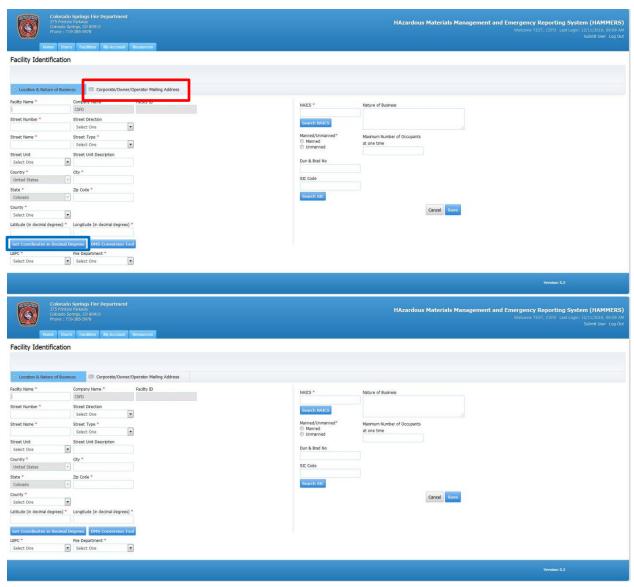


Figure 5: Enter Facility Details (pages 1 & 2)

# **Facility Latitude/Longitude Location**

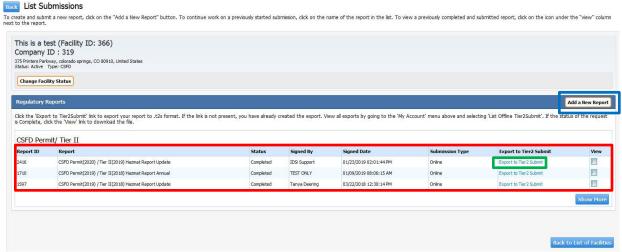
If a user has difficulty locating the latitude and longitude of their facility, they can click the "Locate Lat/Long" (Figure 5 blue box) and fill in the address to determine the coordinates.

#### **Submission History**

After a facility is created and saved, the user will be directed back to the Facility List (Figure 4). To edit the chemical inventory of a building, click on the facility name (green box on Figure 4), and it will direct to the submission history page (Figure 6). This page shows the reports that have been created, as well as their statuses. Note: A CSFD permit submission is based on the chemical inventory which is currently on site, and a Tier II submission is based on the chemical inventory from the previous calendar year (ie, the CSFD report year will be 2019, but the Tier II report is for 2018).

The use will first have to determine if a report is already created, or if a report will need to be created; this can be determined by viewing the reports that are listed (Figure 6 Red box). If no reports are listed, or if the specific report is not shown, a report will need to be created (Figure 6 Blue Box)

For Tier II reporting, the State of Colorado does not allow direct submission to its Tier II report system via HAMMERS; instead, HAMMERS can export the report in a format which can then be imported into the Tier II Submit program (found <a href="here">here</a>) and then be submitted to the state. This can be accomplished by clicking the "Export to Tier II Submit" (Figure 6 green box).



**Figure 6: Facility Submission History Page** 

# Starting a New Report/Revising an Existing Report

If a new report need to be started, or an existing report (from a previous year) needs to be revised, please select <u>"Add a New Report"</u> from the submission history page (Figure 6 blue box). From there, it will ask if you will be adding a new annual report or will be revising an existing report (Figure 7 red box). Please select your intended option and click <u>"Proceed"</u>.

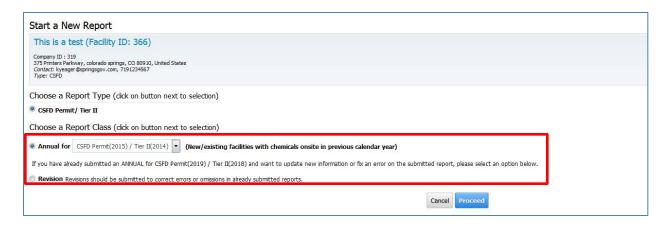


Figure 7: Start a New Report Page

#### Facility Chemical Inventory - Steps 1 & 2

Once at the Facility review page, the facility information can be reviewed and the chemical inventory can be added or modified just before submitting report to CSFD. This page is broken down into six steps: Review Facility Information, Review Chemical Inventory, Review Subject To Status, Review Report Contacts, Review Attachments, and Submit Report.

#### Step 1: Review Facility Information

The facility information can be edited from the "<a href="Edit" (Figure 8 green box)">Edit</a>" (Figure 8 green box) button, which allows a facility's contact and physical information to be updated; the fields are the same as the "<a href="Add new Facility">Add new Facility</a>" page (Figure 5).

# **Step 2: Review Chemical Inventory**

The current chemical inventory is listed here (Figure 8 red box); it will be populated if a previous submission has been entered. If the existing chemical amounts and/or locations have changed, the individual chemicals may be modified using the "Edit" button. If chemicals have been removed or added to the facility, changes can be made using the "Add a Chemical" and "Delete" buttons. The "Import Chemicals" button (Figure 8 yellow box) may be used to copy a chemical inventory from another facility that is associated with the Company Account.

# **Step 3: Review Subject To Status**

The items listed in the green box in Figure 8 (apart from "CSFD Hazmat Permit) refer to EPA requirements, and it is the responsibility of the facility to ensure their applicability. These requirements regulate the storage of chemicals considered by the EPA as extremely hazardous substances (EHS) & toxic chemicals, when stored above certain threshold quantities. These items can be changed by clicking the edit button for Step 3. For more information, please visit the following external EPA links:

Emergency Planning – Section 302 of EPCRA
Chemical Accident Prevention – Section 112(r) of CAA
Toxic Release Inventory – Section 313 of EPCRA

# **Step 4: Review Report Contacts**

This step requires the facility to list their contacts in case of emergency, Tier II, or other use. Additions or changes to this list can be accessed by clicking the "Edit" button.

### **Step 5: Review Attachments**

This step requires to facility to add at least a site map to the report showing the locations and descriptions of the chemicals throughout the facility, especially if there are separate and distinct storage locations. Note that this site map is required to be legible and neatly organized, showing the rooms and other locations of interest on site. Using a copy of a floor plan from an emergency response guide or other guidebook is recommended. If the facility does have a copy of other documents, such as an aerial photo, Tier II requirements, and/or a facility emergency response plan, those can be added as well.

### **Step 6: Submit Report**

To submit a report, all required data must be provided; if data is missing or not verified, there will be an alert (a yellow exclamation mark) next to the data or step that requires an action to still be performed. Once all of the alerts are addressed, the report can be submitted.

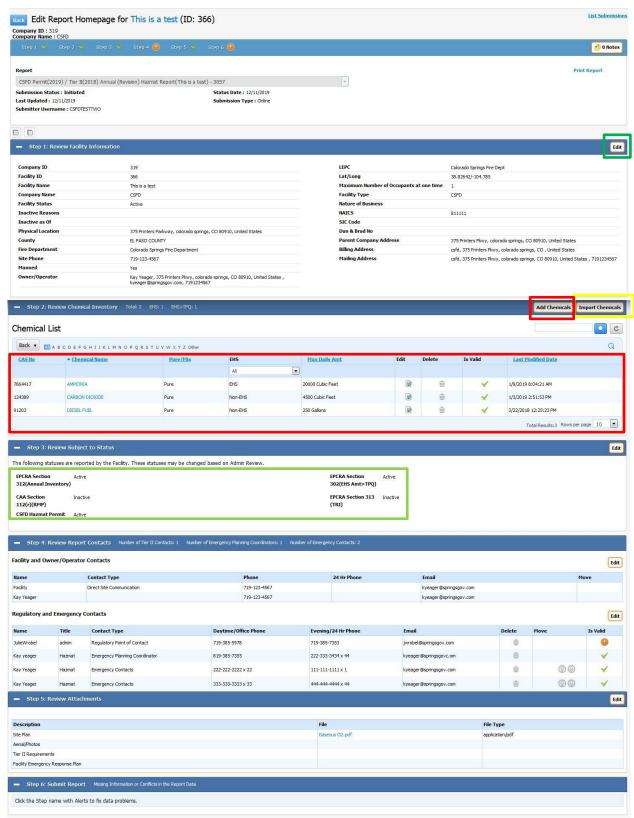


Figure 8: Facility Home Page, Steps 1 - 6

#### **Edit Chemical Information and Storage Locations**

After selecting "Add a Chemical" or "Edit", the user will be directed to the chemical information and storage location page. When adding a new chemical, the entry fields will be blank; the fields will be populated when editing an existing chemical. By using the "Search by CAS/Chemical Name" (Figure 9 red box) you can find a chemical using its Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) number from the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). The rest of the red fields shall also be filled out. Be sure to fill out the NFPA diamond (Figure 9 Green box) as well as the CSFD permit category and class information.

If you are submitting this inventory for a CSFD permit, please enter the chemicals currently onsite. If this is for a Tier II submittal, enter the chemicals stored onsite from January to December of the previous calendar year.

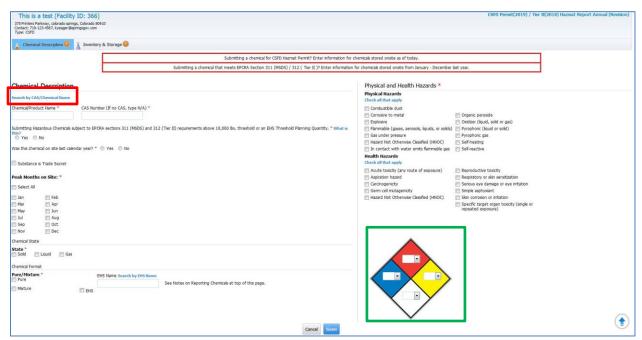


Figure 9: Edit Chemical Information and Storage Locations

# **Chemical Inventory Bulk Import System**

Applicants with large chemical inventory databases have the option to bulk load their existing data to the Colorado Springs Fire Department HAMMERS database. This is an optional service available and not required by CSFD. There is an additional cost to use the Bulk Import System and it is arranged directly with the software designer IDSi International, not through CSFD. You may contact IDSi International at 201-302-9494 x104 or <a href="mailto:sales@idsiinternational.com">sales@idsiinternational.com</a>.